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BILL NO.

House Bill 602

PRINTER'S NO.

1153

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUNDProfessional & Occupational
Affairs**DATE INTRODUCED**

Feb. 24, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Pashinski

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 602 amends the Dental Law to expand the scope of practice for "expanded function dental assistant" referred to as EFDA. The legislation will now permit an EFDA to perform certain procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, including: placing and contouring amalgam and other restorative materials; perform

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coronal polishing; perform fluoride treatments, including fluoride varnish; and take impressions of teeth for athletic appliances.

Direct supervision would require a dentist to be in the office or treatment facility and to personally diagnose the condition to be treated, personally authorize the procedure and remain in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedure is being performed before dismissal of the patient and evaluate the work performed. House Bill 602 also identifies functions that an EFDA shall not perform. The bill also increases the State Board of Dentistry from 13 to 15 members by adding one dentist and one EFDA.

The State Board of Dentistry shall promulgate regulations to implement these changes within 18 months of the act's effective date.

The act is to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Each member of the board (other than the Secretary of Health or his designee, the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection or his designee, and the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs) receives a \$60 per diem when attending to the work of the Board. Members also receive reimbursement for expenses related to travel, accommodation, and other necessary expenses incurred while performing Board duties.

The State Board of Dentistry has a restricted revenue account under the Professional Licensure Augmentation restricted revenue account, which is funded solely from the fees and fines collected by the current 24 licensing boards and commissions. According to the Department of State, there are sufficient funds in the Dental Board's restricted account to accommodate the two additional Board members provided for in House Bill 602.